

## How does the MAP differential offer work?

Successful completion of the Manchester Access Programme is equated to 2 A-level grades (or equivalent). MAP students are therefore eligible to receive a 2-grade differential offer.

The 2-grade differential offer is applied at the discretion of the Admissions Tutor for the course(s) you are applying to; therefore, they may still ask that you achieve a certain grade in a specific subject(s).

### **An example MAP admissions offer without subject-specific requirements:**

Where the standard offer for a course is AAB, a MAP student might receive an offer of BBB.

### **An example MAP admissions offer with subject-specific requirements:**

Where the standard offer for a course is AAB with an A grade in Biology, a MAP student might receive an offer of ABC with an A grade in Biology.

If you are wondering whether or not the course(s) you wish to apply for have subject-specific requirements you can check this on the [University website](#). Please make sure you are searching on the 2027 entry course finder.

These 2 grades reflect the work you will undertake to complete the Manchester Access Programme.

## MAP Strands and the MAP Offer

MAP students wishing to apply for Medicine at Manchester must be on the Medicine Strand of MAP to qualify for the 2-grade differential offer towards an offer for Medicine.

MAP students wishing to apply for Dentistry at Manchester must be on the Dentistry Strand of MAP to qualify for the 2-grade differential offer towards an offer for Dentistry.

Students on the **Medicine** Strand can gain a 2-grade differential offer towards Medicine and any other course at The University of Manchester except Dentistry.

Students on the **Dentistry** Strand can gain a 2-grade differential offer towards Dentistry and any other course at The University of Manchester except Medicine.

Students on the **General** Strand can gain a 2-grade differential offer towards any other course at The University of Manchester apart from Medicine and Dentistry.

If you complete the General Strand of MAP, you can still decide to apply for Medicine (A106) or Dentistry (A206) at Manchester, but you would **not** qualify for the 2-grade MAP differential offer towards entry for one of these courses.

Therefore, you would have to meet all the standard entry criteria, including any GCSE, work experience, and UCAT requirements.

## **Foundation Courses**

MAP students are not guaranteed the two-grade differential offer when applying to foundation year courses. This is with the exception of the Maths, Computer Science, Physics and Mechanical Engineering foundation years, where MAP students may be considered for a 1-grade lower offer.

Please note that the Medicine with a Foundation Year and Dentistry with a Foundation Year courses will not be running for 2027 entry.

## **Contextual Offers**

A MAP 2-grade differential offer can be combined with a contextual offer if your application has a WP Plus or WP Plus PLUS flag when applying for the University of Manchester.

This can be up to a 3-grade reduction to a minimum of BBC, so you can take this into account when researching what courses you would be eligible for.

Check your contextual offer eligibility on [this website](#), although please note that this is the 2026 eligibility checker and that the updated 2027 one will be released in July.

During Decision Manchester, admissions will take your contextual data into account so your Decision Manchester offer will include any contextual offer you are eligible for as well as the MAP 2-grade differential offer.